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MR. BALFOUR AND MR. CHURCHILL AT MANCHESTER.



Taken outside his hotel at Manchester, Mr. Balfour is seen in a carriage starting out for a tour in his constituency. Mr. Balfour is a great popular favourite,

and is proud of the fact that the humblest of his supporters are accustomed to address him familiarly as "Arthur."



Mr. Winston Churchill driving through the streets of Manchester on a motor-car. He is evidently highly amused at his reception by a number of youths,

who have just left work at a neighbouring factory. Great interest is excited in his prospects of beating Mr. Joynson Hicks.

FIRST VOTER AT THE FIRST POLLING OF THE ELECTIONS RECORDING HIS VOTE YESTERDAY AT IPSWICH.



Yesterday, at Ipswich, the first election took place for the new Parliament. In fixing the polling-day a day ahead of all the other boroughs the Ipswich authorities have acted against the opinion of the Crown officers, but should the election be declared void the defeated candidates will allow the winners to be re-

turned unopposed. On the left is seen Mr. S. J. G. Hoare, one of the Unionist candidates. His mother, Lady Hoare, is sitting on the right of the carriage. The photograph on the right shows the first voter who attended the polling place recording his vote. Photographs specially taken yesterday for the *Daily Mirror*.

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TO-DAY'S
ELECTION
RESULTS

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AND MR.

WINSTON CHURCHILL.

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GENERAL ELECTION COMMENCES.

Four New Members Returned
Unopposed Yesterday.

LIBERAL MAJORITY: 2

All Eyes on Mr. Balfour's Fight
at Manchester.

TO-DAY'S POLLINGS.

POLL AT A GLANCE.

Number of Members	670
Already Elected	4
Still to Poll	666
Liberals Elected	3
Unionists Elected	1
Present Liberal Majority	2
Party Gain	0

We enter to-day upon a fateful stage of the greatest political struggle of the century.

The first stage in the momentous fight began yesterday, when four unopposed returns came to hand, viz.:

Carlisle (L.)—Mr. F. W. Chance.
Hartlepool (L.)—Sir Christopher Furness.
Liverpool (E. Toxteth) (U.)—Mr. Austen Taylor.
Swansea District (L.)—Mr. Brynmor Jones.

The honour of being the first member to be returned to the new Parliament belongs to Sir Christopher Furness, the millionaire shipowner.

His nomination papers were handed in at Hartlepool yesterday morning, and by eleven o'clock Sir Christopher became once more member for the borough with which he has been so closely associated.

Less than half an hour afterwards Mr. Austen Taylor had become the Unionist representative of the East Toxteth Division of Liverpool, one of the safest Conservative seats in Lancashire.

A few minutes later the news arrived that Mr. F. W. Chance, the Liberal member for Carlisle, had also been duly returned.

Mr. D. Brynmor Jones, who has represented the Swansea district since 1895, also enjoyed the advantage of a walk over.

TO-DAY'S POLLS.

Polling will take place to-day in the following constituencies:—

Ashton-under-Lyne.	Manchester (6 divisions).
Boston.	Morpeth.
Bradford (3 divisions).	Newington, West.
Burnley.	Newington, Walworth.
Bury (Lancs).	Perth.
Cambridge University.	Plymouth.
Darlington.	Reading.
Derby.	Rochdale.
Devonport.	Salford (3 divisions).
Dover.	Scarborough.
Gravesend.	Stafford.
Great Grimsby.	Stalybridge.
Halifax.	Windsor.
Kidderminster.	York.

Among the noted politicians whose fate will be determined at to-day's polls are Mr. Balfour (East Manchester), Sir James Fergusson (North-East Manchester), Mr. Wymsham (Dover), Mr. Rufus Isaacs (Reading), Mr. Winston Churchill (North-West Manchester), and Sir Gilbert Parker (Gravesend).

MR. HORNER'S BANKNOTES.

Mr. Fred Horner, with his face wreathed in smiles, handed in his nomination paper as Unionist candidate for North Lambeth yesterday, and in this he is described as "an author (dramatic)."

He was accompanied by Mrs. Horner, who was in excellent spirits, and shook hands with the three other candidates.

Her husband produced banknotes to the value of £100 and made the necessary deposit with the returning-officer as security for election expenses.

WILD SCENES AT LIMEHOUSE.

Fierce free fights have occurred at Sir Harry Samuel's meeting at Limehouse.

The hallkeeper endeavoured to quell the disturbance, but was almost overcome by a pall full of water kept in the hall to extinguish fire.

Bucket after bucket was seized by the rioters, the contents being poured indiscriminately on friends and opponents.

The hallkeeper turned out the lights, and in the struggle to get out many persons lost their watches, purses, and other valuables. Sir Harry Samuel lost a scarf-pin. Several persons received serious injuries.

ALL EYES ON MANCHESTER.

Two Crucial Duels To Be Fought
To-day in the North.

MR. BALFOUR AND KISSES.

The eyes of all England will be turned to the results of the two polls which take place in the East and North-West Divisions of Manchester.

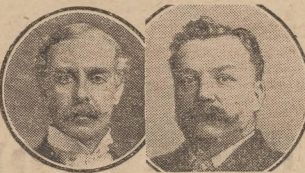
In the former constituency the speculation is as to whether the ex-Premier will be beaten. Whatever is thought outside about the chances of such a contingency, very little doubt as to the improbability of such an occurrence is entertained in Manchester, despite the fact that the railway workers in East Manchester, numbering about 600, have decided to cast their votes for the Liberal candidate, Mr. Horridge.

Mr. Balfour's supporters consider their candidate's prospects of a hopeful character. They look with greater anxiety to the outcome of the

ELECTED WITHOUT CONTEST.



Mr. Austen Taylor, Mr. F. W. Chance, Unionist member for Liberal member for Carlisle. (E. Toxteth.)



Mr. Brynmor Jones, Sir C. Furness, Liberal member for Swansea— member for West Hartlepool. (Elliott and Fry.)

fight between Mr. Joynson Hicks and Mr. Winston Churchill in North-West Manchester. There, indeed, is the battle-royal being waged.

Mr. Churchill's supporters yesterday said it would be a good fight, and thought they would win.

The Hebrew element in North-West Manchester number about 800, and yesterday a deputation promised Mr. Churchill their support.

Mr. Joynson Hicks, Lord Randolph's son's opponent, was the last to arrive at Manchester Town Hall yesterday to hand in his nomination papers. "You are the last," jocularly remarked the Lord Mayor. Mr. Hicks, whose ready wit has been one of his greatest platform successes, replied: "We have it on Scriptural authority, that the last shall be first."

After addressing a meeting at Johnson's works, in Manchester yesterday, Mr. Balfour was almost carried by his carriage by enthusiastic admirers. Hundreds of men and women lost half a day's work in the hope of shaking hands with Mr. Balfour, and several young women waited at the door with the avowed intention of kissing the ex-Premier, an embarrassing compliment which Mr. Balfour laughingly succeeded in evading. "I'll see my man votes for you," said a woman with a baby in arms, and the ex-Premier graciously thanked her.

THE WAR MINISTER'S PROPHECY.

Mr. Haldane, speaking at Berwick last night, said there might come a time—he hoped there would—when nations would awaken to the folly of keeping up those large armaments and spending money that might be devoted to the solution of social problems.

In the meantime the Foreign Office could not exercise its true diplomacy unless it had at its back sufficient reserve and strength to make the nation respected.

THE NEW LIBERAL PEERS.

Last night's "Gazette" states that the newly-created Liberal peers have adopted the following titles:—

Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice—Baron Fitzmaurice of Leigh.

Hon. Philip Stanhope—Baron Weardeale of Stanhope.

Sir Arthur Hayter—Baron Haversham of Bracknell.

Right Hon. Charles Hemphill—Baron Hemphill of Rathenny and Cashell.

DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE

Will Support All Those Who Follow Mr. Balfour's Policy.

The important announcement is made that the Duke of Devonshire has promised to support all followers of Mr. Balfour's policy.

The announcement comes from Mr. Victor Cavendish, Unionist candidate for West Derbyshire.

Mr. Cavendish says: "I am staying at Chatsworth, and I can say that the Duke of Devonshire wishes me to get into Parliament. The Duke is a free trader. He is opposed to protection, but, as he told me the other day, he is prepared to support all those Unionist candidates who follow the policy of Mr. Balfour."

THE IPSWICH FIGHT.

Great Activity Shown in the First Contest to Take Place in the Election.

Ipswich, proud of being the first constituency to decide the political issues now before the British electorate, rejoiced in the throes of election yesterday.

From the opening of the poll it seemed that the Liberals were better organised for a stiff day's work than their opponents. They had a great advantage in the number of carriages and motor-cars, and made a formidable display with copies of telegrams from several Liberal and Labour leaders. Liberals also made much of their window-bills appealing for support for "Ipswich men born and bred who are dead against taxing people's food."

On behalf of Sir Charles Dairymple, however, more than one firm issued a circular to their employees, pointing out how their trades had suffered from the present fiscal system, and how it had necessitated reduction in wages.

Polling proceeded with regularity until six o'clock, at which time not half the electorate had voted. A great amount of activity was displayed in the last two hours, and a record poll seemed assured.

For the first time the Nonconformist ministers worked openly for the Liberals, this being a practical protest against the Education Act.

"DAILY MIRROR" RESULTS.

Extensive Preparations To Inform the British Public at Once How Candidates Have Fared.

It is difficult to imagine a more effective scheme for ensuring the prompt announcement of election results at numerous centres scattered throughout England than that which the *Daily Mirror* has prepared.

The great feature of the *Daily Mirror* plan is the remarkable rapidity with which the news will be made known to the expectant public.

Crowds waiting outside the chief music-halls and theatres of nearly a dozen provincial towns, embracing a very wide area, and extending from Southampton to as far north as West Hartlepool, and the packed audiences within will know the results of the various elections in progress within five minutes after the declaration of the poll.

This is a list of the centres at which the results will be published:—

Olympia, Kensington.	Theatre Royal, Attlebridge.
Theatre Royal, Leeds.	Palace, West Hartlepool.
King's Theatre, Nottingham.	Palace, Bath.
Palace Theatre, Halifax.	Palace, Blackburn.
Pavilion, Leicester.	Palace, Bradford.
Theatre Royal, Rotherham.	Palace, Southampton.

At considerable trouble and expense the *Daily Mirror* has arranged to have each result telephoned without the loss of a minute to each of these centres as soon as the poll is declared.

Inside each theatre the news will be made known immediately it is received by means of the bi-scope, which will project it in large letters on to a screen, where special *Daily Mirror* photographs of great interest, illustrating various aspects of the great political struggle will also be shown.

It is hoped to arrange for the results to be announced in a similar way in various parts of London, and further details will be published in the *Daily Mirror* as soon as this is done.

MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

Tremendous applause was evoked by the second concert of the London Symphony Orchestra and Leeds Chorus in Paris last night.

Damages £3,500 have been awarded at Chicago against three saloon keepers, to five children of a carpenter, ruined by excessive drinking.

Prince Arthur of Connaught, on his way to Japan, arrived at Marseilles yesterday, and left on the P. and O. steamer *Mongolia*, at ten o'clock.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is:—Increasing south-westerly winds; mild and unsettled; rain at times.

Lighting-up time, 5:14 p.m.
Sea passages will be moderate, becoming rough.

TRAGEDY OF A LONDON HOTEL.

Two Children Found Suffocated by
Their Mother's Side.

PATHETIC LETTERS.

Little Girl Hopes Her "Daddy" Will Not
Miss Them.

Mystery enshrouds a most singular and pathetic double tragedy, of which the West End Hotel, Arundel-street, Leicester-square, was the scene, yesterday.

A young, handsome, and fashionably-dressed woman, whose name is given as Mrs. Milner, of Burgess Hill, near Brighton, was found asphyxiated by gas in her bedroom, with her two children, a boy aged eight and a girl aged twelve. The children were dead when found, and their mother was herself quite unconscious, and hovering between life and death.

With her pretty face and pleasant manners, the lady, who is reported to have given the name of "Mrs. Murray," awakened some interest on her arrival at the hotel on Thursday. She said she was going to show the children the sights of London, and was out the greater part of the day with them.

CHARMING GROUP AT DINNER.

She and the pretty boy and girl formed a charming group at dinner. After a good meal, and when they retired early, the mother a little subdued, but not noticeably depressed, the prattle of the little ones suggested anything but an impending tragedy.

Instructions were left that they should be called at eight, and at that hour a servant knocked at the door. He received no response then, nor did he an hour later; but no suspicion entered the man's mind.

At about ten, however, a startled servant found there was a strong smell of gas. The door was promptly forced, and then those who entered, retreating again before the overpowering gas fumes, stood aghast.

On the bed lay the two children, with their mother stretched by their side, all apparently dead. The children lay as if they were asleep in their white night-dresses, tied with pretty pink ribbons.

Doctors, hurriedly brought, applied restoratives and resorted to artificial respiration. Their efforts were so far successful in the case of the mother that they were able to remove her, although in a very precarious condition, to the Charing Cross Hospital.

WINDOWS CAREFULLY CLOSED.

There were signs that the terrible affair was not the result of accident.

The windows of the room had been carefully closed, the crochets stopped up with paper, and rag, and the keyhole filled with paper, and then the gas-jet had been turned fully on.

Then, too, pinned to the dressing-table was a piece of paper, with the words written in a firm hand on it: "Please wire for my husband."

There were two letters.

One was a little note from the girl to her father. It was written in simple childish words that sound poignantly pathetic in the circumstances. "Dear daddy," it ran, "we have come up to London, and we are going to see the pantomime. I hope you won't miss us." Then followed crosses for kisses. The other note, written evidently by an older person, threw no light on the motives of the writer. "I hope that what I am doing will be for your benefit," it said.

EARLY ELECTION EDITION.

The advance orders for the "Daily Mirror" during the election are so enormous that, in order to fill them, it is necessary to start our machines before all the election returns are in.

In order not to disappoint those readers who are bent upon getting all the returns we shall label the first impression "Early Election Edition." This appears on the top of the front page, right-hand corner.

The "Early Election Edition" contains the latest figures up to the moment of going to press. It will be replete with the very best photographs and the very best news, except that a few election results will be missing.

Our readers in the provinces cannot do without the "Daily Mirror" on their breakfast tables, and they have insisted that the paper shall not be held back. They prefer to have it without all the returns rather than wait for it. They want the election photographs and the other "Daily Mirror" features.

The complete edition of the "Daily Mirror" will be issued later. It may be identified by the absence from the front page of the words, "Early Election Edition."

ousting the omnibus horse.

Man's Faithful Friend Will Soon Be Seen Only in Bye-ways.

One by one the horse-omnibuses are disappearing from London streets before the advance of the all-powerful motor-omnibus. It is too early yet for the gradual disappearance to be noticeable, for the motor-omnibus is only nine months old, but already thirty of "man's most faithful friends" have been "laid up," and more will follow quickly week by week now.

The London General Omnibus Company have recently removed fourteen horse-drawn omnibuses from the road, and will take off several more within a few days.

Apart from removing the vehicles, the company have adopted a new policy of diverting the horse services from routes where motor-omnibuses are taking their place. Thus on the Edgeware-road a new service will be started from Kilburn to Commercial-road, along Oxford-street, through Hart-street, Bloomsbury, and so through Spitalfields. Other cross routes will be opened up in this way, leaving the main roads free for the new motor-vehicles.

But for the present the company do not intend to sell their horses. They will simply buy fewer and fewer, as the need becomes less. The stock of horses at present numbers over 17,000. To keep up this number the company have spent between £80,000 and £90,000, and in future a great part of this enormous amount will be devoted to motor-omnibuses.

THE KING RESTING.

His Majesty To Attend His Elder Son's Memorial Service at Sandringham.

The King and a party of guests leave St. Pancras to-day by a special train which starts for Wollerton at 3.45. They will arrive at 6.10, and drive to Sandringham by motor-car.

His Majesty is visiting the Queen in order that they may be present together at the memorial service to be held at Sandringham for the late Duke of Clarence to-morrow. The Duke of Clarence died on January 14, 1892, and every anniversary of his death has been made the occasion of a family gathering.

The King is only paying a week-end visit to his Norfolk home, and this will be the last that he will be able to enjoy for some weeks. He has recently been rather unwell.

LADY HOLLAND SERIOUSLY HURT.

While Following the Cheshire Hounds Her Hunter Falls at a Fence.

While hunting with the Cheshire Hounds yesterday, Lady Holland, wife of Sir William Holland, Liberal member for Rotherham in the Parliament just dissolved, was thrown from her horse and seriously injured.

The accident occurred at a fence, which her horse failed to clear, turning completely over and throwing its rider heavily to the ground.

Lady Holland sustained a broken leg and collarbone, and when these had been set, her ladyship was taken to her residence, Poole Hall, Nantwich.

The Marquis of Linlithgow was thrown from his horse at Tarporey, Cheshire, on Thursday, cracking his shoulder-blade and dislocating the collarbone.

POPULAR DIARIST DEAD.

Interesting Personality Removed by the Death of Sir Mountstuart Grant-Duff.

An interesting personality was lost to the world yesterday by the death of Sir Mountstuart Grant-Duff.

Born in 1829, he was the only son of James Cunningham Grant-Duff, of Eden, Aberdeenshire. In 1857 he was returned to Parliament as member for the Elgin Burghs, became Under-Secretary to the Colonies and a Privy Councillor under Mr. Gladstone, and was Governor of Adras for five years, during which period he did much to combat cattle disease in India.

Sir M. Grant-Duff was deservedly popular in private life, and he wrote a book which proclaimed him a most accomplished diarist.

LORD RITCHIE'S FUNERAL TO-DAY.

The body of the late Lord Ritchie arrived in London last evening from Biarritz. The funeral will take place to-day, at Kensal Green, and a memorial service will be held at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

HOW THE ELECTORAL BATTLE RAGES.

Novel Features of the Historic Party Struggle—"Fighting Parson" to the Fore.

The Rev. C. Pierpont Edwards, the famous "fighting parson," is a many-sided man.

This week he is racing through the busy streets of Walworth in a two-wheeled scavenger cart, in quest of votes for the Conservative candidate.

Where Mr. Balfour and other celebrities have failed Mr. Edwards has succeeded, for hooligans never break up the rev. gentleman's meetings. He has addressed three successful open-air gatherings in Walworth this week.

"Now just keep quiet over there," he snapped at the Rodney-road meeting to a rufianly interrupter. A man showed signs of aggression.

"Don't forget that I can do a little slogging," observed the parson, shaking his fist in a threatening manner.

"You never heard of me?" he asked, placing himself in a fighting attitude, and shaking his fist. "Well, I don't care how big you are, instead of hearing you may feel me!"

Silence followed, for the parson's muscular powers are well known on the Surrey side of the river. On one occasion he knocked down a man three times for abusing his own wife, and the cur was so subdued and overcome with admiration, that he got up and shook the parson by the hand.

"He ought to have been England's champion instead of reverend gent," said a friend to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday.

Mr. Edwards formerly lived in Walworth, but moved to Essex. He is a great friend of Sir James Bailey, the Conservative candidate, and when he heard that the late member's seat was in



The Rev. C. Edwards, "the fighting parson."

danger, he came to Walworth instantly, and has remained all the week.

The parson has been winning scores of wavers for the Tory candidate. On Monday he goes to Norfolk.

"The humorous thing about the campaign," he said, "was when the Liberal candidate, Mr. O'Donnell, attacked Sir James for being interested in the stores, and it was discovered that he himself owned shares in the Army and Navy Stores—a sort of boomerang."

Mr. Edwards has been popular with the costers ever since he took the part of one of them in a fight in Borough Market, and thrashed a bigger man.

Sir James and Lady Bailey drove round the division yesterday.

"I think I shall get in," said the Conservative candidate. "If Mr. O'Donnell wins I hope he will carry out his promises. He has promised everything under the sun—cheaper tea, cheaper sugar, cheaper rent, and free breakfasts."

Three sovereigns to one, it is reported, are wagered on Mr. O'Donnell's victory.

Across the street in West Newington nothing sensational happened yesterday. Outside a political meeting overnight there was a free fight, and black eyes were cooled against cold railings. Captain Norton, the Liberal candidate, expects to win, as does Mr. R. E. Bellios, the Conservative. Both men are very popular, and the election is expected to be very close.

Mr. Bellios has between fifty and sixty women of the Primrose League working for his victory.

A CHARMING LADY SPEAKER.

Chichester electors hope to have further opportunities of listening to the eloquence of Miss Dorothy Hunter, the young lady orator, before polling-day.

"No speaker has aroused such enthusiasm in Chichester," said an old politician to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday.

Miss Hunter does not live in Chichester. She is a daughter of Sir Robert Hunter, and resides at Haslemere, on the borders of Surrey.

Some twelve months ago, when the country was plunged into the fiscal controversy, lectures on the subject were given at Haslemere, and Miss Hunter attended.

From a casual observation her interest deepened

to such an extent that at last she set herself to master the intricacies of this much-discussed problem.

She entered so enthusiastically into her self-imposed task that before long she undertook to deliver lectures on the fiscal question herself, and made her debut in her own neighbourhood.

Instant success as a speaker was assured her, for, although owing to a little nervousness she has a ready flow of words and a natural eloquence any parliamentary candidate might envy.

The inevitable result was that she was implored to speak in numerous constituencies, and she has with great success addressed five meetings in the Chichester Division on behalf of the Liberal candidate, Mr. J. E. Allen, who is opposing Lord Edmund Talbot.

Miss Hunter has now returned home to snatch a little much-needed rest, but has promised to give other candidates the benefit of her eloquence, and has a full programme of meetings in various districts on her engagement-list.

A WARNING TO LADY CANVASSERS.

"Why are women canvassers not more careful with regard to the clothes they wear—when they come to solicit votes?" writes J. B. T., from Clerkenwell Green.

"I had every intention of voting for the Radical candidate in my division until a lady canvasser called on me this morning and tried to persuade me that I should vote for him."

Her clothes were so shabby, and she looked altogether so unattractive, that as a protest I really shall vote for the other side. Let this be a warning to other lady canvassers."

DISORDERLY MEETINGS TABULATED.

The events of a rowdy electoral week may thus be summarised:—

Mr. Chamberlain at Derby.....Shouted down.
Mr. Balfour at Manchester.....Interrupted and booed.
Lady Burton at Burton-on-Trent.....Meeting broken up.
The Premier at Shrewsbury.....Continuous interruption.
Lord Ridley at Llanelli.....Shouted down.
Lord Harris at Dulwich.....Constant uproar.
Mr. G. Balfour at Central Leeds.....Meeting on Friday broken up; meeting on Monday abandoned.
Mr. Arnold-Forster at Thornton Heath.....Howled down.
Mr. Lytton at Leamington.....Meeting broken up.
Mr. Lloyd-George at Leamington.....Shouted down.
Mr. A. Chamberlain at Birmingham.....Uproar and interruption.

Sir F. Banbury at Nunhead.....Shouted down.
Sir R. Purvis at Peterborough.....Meeting broken up.
Mr. E. Hambro at Wimbledon.....Shouted down.
Mr. C. A. Whitmore at Chelsea.....Uproar and disorder.
Mr. Fraser Wyatt at Nottingham.....Meeting broken up.
Captain Jessel at South St. Pancras.....Meeting abandoned.
Sir John Hollicott at Leicester.....Mobbed.
Mr. John Morley at Montrose.....Badly heckled.
Sir M. Bhowanagree at Bethnal Green.....Constant uproar.

Mr. Winston Churchill at Manchester.....Disorder created by women, and floor falls in.
Mr. C. A. Clavell Salter, K.C., at West Southwark.....Continuous heckling.
Mr. Riley at South Hackney.....Badly interrupted.
Mr. Hayes Fisher at Farnham.....Constant disorder.
Mr. Robert Peel at Mid-Norhamptonshire.....Attacked by mob.

Hon. Ivor Guest at Cardiff.....Meeting broken up by police.
Mr. Claude Hay at Hoxton.....Supporters attacked by radicals.
Mr. Bellios at West Newington.....Radical rowdies.
Colonel H. F. Bowles at Enfield.....Meeting stopped by opposition.

Sir William Tomlinson and Mr. John Kerr at Preston.....Unable to get a hearing.
Sir Percy at Kensington.....Hecking and hostility.
The Premier at Liverpool.....Badly heckled by women.

POLITICAL SERVANT-GIRLS.

"The first thing we mean to do when we get into Parliament," said a couple of servant-girls addressing a crowd on Women's Suffrage outside the Tube Station at Shepherd's Bush, "is to abolish the police!"

They were brought before the West London magistrate yesterday charged with being drunk and disorderly, and dismissed on paying the doctor's fee.

CANDIDATE'S ACTION FOR SLANDER.

The writ was issued yesterday in the suit of Mr. Maurice Levy, the Liberal candidate for Loughborough, against Mr. H. S. Cauley, the Conservative candidate for East Leeds, claiming damages for slander.

A South London herbalist, alive to the heated partisanship of his district, displays the following notice in his shop window:—"The General Election. Embrocation warranted to relieve contusion from 2d. per bottle. Black eyes artistically painted."

Next door to the Liberal Central Office in Salford, a Chinaman has planted a laundry, whereupon the Unionist candidate said:—"If my political opponent is going to turn the Chinamen out of South Africa, will he not also object to a Chinaman coming next door to his central committee-room?"

RESULTS BY SIGNAL.

Red and Blue Rockets To Denote Party Gains and Losses.

As soon as the polls are declared to-night, Londoners who choose may learn the result of each election.

This may be attained by watching the Morse code signals on the clouds which, as the "Daily Mail" has arranged, will be projected by monster searchlights placed on commanding situations in and around the metropolis.

Readers in the provinces will know the results early in the morning by the "Weekly Dispatch," which has engaged no fewer than nine special trains.

For the benefit of readers in the provinces the "Daily Mail" has arranged for special trains from London throughout the election as under:—

Departs.
2.45—GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY—Leicester Nottingham, Rugby, Woking, and Brackley.

3.0—SOUTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.—Basingstoke, Bournemouth, Chichester, Eastleigh, Gosport, Farnham, Portsmouth, Southampton, Totton, and Isle of Wight.

4.15—SOUTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.—Rochester, Chatham, New Brompton, Sittingbourne, Faversham, Canterbury, Dover, Folkestone, Whitstable, Herne Bay, Margate, Broadstairs, Bickington, Ramsgate, and Westgate.

The *Daily Mirror* is also arranging for similar special trains on the Great Central, South-Western, and South-Eastern Railways.

The "Daily Mail" signalling stations are situated in the following places:—

The Crystal Palace, searchlight and rockets.
The Alexandra Palace, searchlight and rockets.
The Hotel Cecil, searchlight and flares.
Shooter's Hill, Blackheath, searchlight and rockets.
Hamstead Heath, searchlight and rockets.
Chelsea Power Station, searchlight and rockets.

A red rocket or flare will denote a Liberal gain, a blue rocket or flare a Conservative gain. No coloured light will be shown where there is no change.

To read the sky signals it will be necessary for those who are not expert in the Morse code to dot down upon a piece of paper the signals as they are flashed. A dash will be about three times as long as a dot. When the message has been completed it can be read off the paper by the Morse code, published in the "Daily Mail."

The order in which the information will be conveyed may be gathered from the following instance:—

Manchester East. Balfour wins.
Bournemouth. Many.
Horrified, so many.
C. maj., so many.

The "Daily Mail" has also arranged for bioscope displays at the following places:—

Aldwych, opposite the Waldorf Theatre.
30-34, Denmark-lane.
124, Mile End-road, opposite the Paragon Theatre.
C. Kingston, opposite the Agricultural Hall.

As soon as the result of each election is known it will be telephoned from the "Daily Mail" office to each of these centres.

Immediately upon receipt, the result will be typed on slides by special gelatine plates, and will be shown in monster letters through an electric lantern.

The position of Aldwych will enable an immense number of people to witness the display without obstruction to the traffic. There will be no dull moments during the pauses between the arrival of results. The crowd will be entertained by Urban Animated Pictures, and monster gramophones, supplied by the Gramophone and Typewriter Company, limited, will play. The moving pictures shown on the bioscope will be stories of variety and interest.

FIVE TIMES MAYOR OF PORTSMOUTH.

Death Closes Sir William Pink's Distinguished Career at the Age of 77.

Sir William Pink, who was five times Mayor of Portsmouth, died yesterday, in his seventy-eighth year, after a surgical operation.

Sir William was knighted during his last period of office in 1891, in recognition of his services in entertaining the officers and men of the French fleet, which visited Spithead that year, and, like Portsmouth's present mayor, Sir George Cousins, he was created Chevalier of the Legion of Honour by the President of the French Republic.

He received King Edward, then Prince of Wales, on his return from India, and Sir George Nares's Arctic expedition on its return from the Arctic regions in 1876, and throughout his long career took a prominent part in local affairs.

DIVIDING THE SCOTTISH CHURCHES.

The Scottish Church Commission has issued the first list of churches which they propose to allocate to the United Free and Free Churches. This list gives fifty-six churches to the "Wee Frees" and 588 to the "United Frees," and includes only churches regarding which there is practically no dispute.

BRIDESMAIDS' PRETTY BACKS.

New Fashion Adding to the Attractiveness of Wedding Ceremonies.

The "bridesmaid-bodice-back" will shortly be essential to the success of any wedding regarded simply from the spectacular point of view.

It has occurred to a leading London dressmaker that what the spectators—sometimes called the congregation—chiefly feast their eyes upon during the ceremony are the backs of the bridesmaids' dresses. Hitherto the attention bestowed upon the adornment of the back of the bodice has borne no comparison to the amount of care lavished upon the front.

But all this will now be altered—in fact, has been already, in the case of a number of weddings of note. We have it on the authority of the "Draper's Record," that in all the good bridesmaids' dresses now the back of the bodice has many pretty effects in rucking, draping, buttoning, and belting.

It is undoubtedly a thoughtful concession to the observant ladies in the back pews who have nothing but the bridesmaids' backs to gaze upon.

LAWYERS WHO SHOULD BE CAST OUT.

Judge Grantham Says Solicitors Should Not Practise When Undischarged Bankrupts.

Mr. Justice Grantham, at the Old Bailey yesterday, said that great benefit would result to society if the Law Society could get legislation passed which would enable them to withhold a certificate from a solicitor who was an undischarged bankrupt. Large numbers of these uncertificated bankrupts were still allowed to practise, to the great detriment of the community.

He made these remarks before sentencing to three years' penal servitude William George Davies, a solicitor, practising in Greenwich and Woolwich, who last year was adjudicated bankrupt, and who was found guilty of obtaining money by false pretences and fraudulent conversion.

SPECULATION LEADS TO MADNESS.

City Clerk Who Committed Suicide Because Some of His Investments Fell 4½d.

Albert Edward Middleton, clerk to a mining company, living at Claverly-grove, Church-end, Finchley, sold some shares for which he hoped to receive 3s., but only obtained 2s. 7½d.

He had a considerable number of these shares, and the fall so upset him that, after kissing his wife, he went upstairs and cut his throat.

When found dead he had only 4s. 2d. in his pocket. At the inquest at New Southgate yesterday a verdict of Suicide during temporary insanity was returned.

LASS WHO STOLE FOR A SOLDIER.

In a Fit of Remorse She Threw Away Gold and Burned Banknotes.

There was no pretty romance about the case of "a lass that loved a soldier," Minnie Eustace, who told Mr. Plowden at Marylebone yesterday that she had stolen £25 from her mistress, and then, after spending £23 of the change she received from a £10 note, became repentant, threw £23 away, and burned a £10 and a £5 note.

A private in the Grenadier Guards said that, after he gave her a brooch, Eustace gave him a silver watch and chain and 16s.

Mr. Plowden: You asked no questions?—No, sir.

Just put the "tip" in your pocket and blessed your stars?—Yes, sir.

Mr. Plowden, who said he believed the girl took the money in order to give her sweetheart a present, sent Eustace to prison, in the second division, for twenty-one days.

CLERICAL BIGOTRY DEFIED.

At the burial of an Army pensioner named Marlow, who had committed suicide, the Rev. Dr. Stathan, of Dover, read the full burial service of the Church of England yesterday.

Dr. Stathan is strongly opposed to the idea that it is illegal to read the burial service at the graves of suicides.

SUICIDE'S SON OF SIXTEEN KILLS HIMSELF.

The curious case of suicide by hanging of a sixteen-year-old boy, James McGrath, in a warehouse in Camomile-street, was investigated by the City Coroner yesterday.

His stepmother said he was always cheerful, but his father murdered one of his children and then committed suicide.

POPULAR ACTRESS'S UNHAPPY MARRIAGE.

Miss Isabel Jay's Tearful Plea for a Divorce from Her Husband Granted.

It was quite a different Miss Isabel Jay from the dainty, happy lady who charms the lovers of light opera that came into the Divorce Court yesterday, a tearful lady, who could hardly speak or walk for her emotion.

Her brother and a friend of her own sex led her, gowned in sombre brown and wearing January-hued fur and hat, to a seat at the solicitors' table at the feet of the President, Sir Gorell Barnes.

This was Miss Isabel Jay's second visit to the Law Courts. She had come this second time as a petitioner for a divorce.

It is nearly three years ago that she made her first appearance, a very successful appearance, for, although the matters that brought her there were of the most serious import to her husband, they were such that could be looked on by young people as a huge joke.

Famous "Spook" Case.

As such the public certainly regarded the famous planchette spook case, and the remarkable psychical experiences of Mr. Henry S. H. Cavendish, the unbusiness-like African explorer, to whose private affairs laughing sympathy was extended.

Mr. Cavendish, succeeding to a large fortune, had let his "happy-go-lucky" disposition impair his financial position, and finally, acting on messages from the unseen world purporting to come from his dead mother, he had entrusted, so it was alleged, the straightening of his affairs to a Major Strutt, making that gentleman practical controller of his money.

Then he fell in love with, and married, the beautiful Miss Isabel Jay, the favourite of the Savoy Theatre.

To provide for her he wished to vary the agreement into which he had entered with Major Strutt, and made an application to that end in Chancery.

To his wife's vivacity and charm when she gave evidence on his behalf many people attributed the successful issue of the case; and they added: "The charming singer has brought the young explorer to his senses. She will make a great man of him in time."

Time's Different Tale.

But time has told a different story. It was against the hero of the planchette case that Miss Jay yesterday brought her petition. Her sad story was told in a broken voice. Here it is in her own words and the words put into her mouth by her counsel, Mr. Barnard.

"We were married at St. Margaret's, Westminster in April, 1902. One little daughter was born to us. People had told me before I married that my husband sometimes drank, but I did not believe them. I asked him about it, and he said no. I believed him.

"But very soon I found it was true. He used to treat me very cruelly, and use abusive language to me when he was drunk.

He would lie in bed the greater part of the day and keep me up at night.

"One night I had gone to bed. In the small hours of the morning he came to my bedroom and told me he had three friends downstairs. I must get up, he said. If I did not he would bring the friends to my bedroom. So I had to get up. The visitors were two ladies and a

BURGLARS CHASED OVER HOUSE-TOPS.

Exciting Scenes in a London Suburb, Followed by a Double Capture.

The startling spectacle of twenty policemen surrounding a shop believed to have been entered by burglars has been witnessed in High-road, Leyton.

The explanation was forthcoming at Stratford Police Court yesterday, when Frederick Wilson and Henry Williams, young men who said they had no home, were committed for trial on a charge of stealing a quantity of jewellery from the draper's shop of Miss Elizabeth Ann Croager.

A suspicious light was seen on the premises, and having summoned help, Police-sergeant Lucas knocked at the door.

One of the accused opened it, but on seeing the sergeant slammed the door and rushed back. Then an exciting chase followed, and the men attempted to escape over the roof-tops, but were captured.

NO PROFIT ON WEDDINGS NOWADAYS.

He is caretaker of a church, and is well able to pay," observed a landlady suing for rent at Clerkenwell yesterday.

"Is a church caretaker's office a very lucrative one?" asked Judge Edge. "Well, look at the weddings," was the reply.

Judge Edge: But he says there are no weddings now.

man. At that time I was expecting my little child.

After the people had gone I faintd."

From time to time, as she told her tale of woe, Miss Jay appeared to be on the point of being stopped by her sobs. But wiping away her tears, she pluckily bore up.

She continued her account of her husband's life spoiled by his intemperance. After drinking heavily he ill-treated her and called her bad names. On the morning after she fainted she was taken away by her friends, but she returned to her husband, moved by his repentance. Yet he persisted in his bad conduct. Once he seized her by the wrist and twisted it so badly that she screamed out. She was rescued by her brother and two policemen.

Once Mr. Cavendish made an effort to pull himself together. He signed a paper declaring that he would never again get drunk. But his good resolution failed him. Breaking out once more, he abused his wife for petting their baby too much, and hurt her finger.

In great pain Miss Jay was taken to bed by the servants. Her husband came and roughly woke her when she had dropped off to sleep, declaring that she was "shaming."

He was induced to take a trip to South Africa, but he returned at once, and his behaviour was as bad as ever.

Piteous Remorse.

When Miss Jay finally left her husband, by the advice of her solicitor, the latter's protestations of remorse were pitiable. He used to send letters to his wife begging for her forgiveness, and he waited outside the house where she was, ready to seize an opportunity to beseech her to return to him.

But Miss Jay was obdurate. Certain things had come to her knowledge that she had never suspected while she was with her husband. He had paid visits to a house of bad character in St. John's Wood, and the solicitors could prove that he had been unfaithful.

While Miss Jay was giving her evidence, Mr. Barnard handed a letter to her. Mr. Cavendish was the writer, she said.

A few words of this letter were read. They were:—

"My poor, dear wife, you have accused me of misconduct. This I wish to confess is true."

As late as Christmas Day last, she added, Mr. Cavendish had come to her begging for forgiveness.

Evidence of Ill-Treatment.

"Evidence was given by a doctor, who attended her after her ill-treatment, and by her brother, Mr. John Herbert Jay. The latter said that once when he took his sister away from Mr. Cavendish that gentleman declared, 'You will have to fight me before you take her.' But a cab was called, and there was no fight."

The unhappy story about Mr. Cavendish's unfaithfulness was also supported by evidence. This episode had taken place shortly after the planchette case.

Mr. Cavendish was not defending the case, and was not in court. Three years ago he sat by his wife's side. They had made a pleasing picture, the good-looking young man and the graceful, quietly-dressed girl. Yesterday Miss Jay had no husband-lover to whom to whisper jokes.

In pronouncing the decree nisi, the President said that the strongest evidence was Mr. Cavendish's own confession.

FAMILY FEUD ABOUT PROPERTY.

Father's Estate of £159,000 Brings Sisters and Brothers Before a Judge in Chancery.

The large estate of Mr. H. W. Schneider, an ex-M.P., who lived at Belsfield, Windermere, and Oakles, Barrow-in-Furness, was the subject of an interesting Chancery suit before Mr. Justice Warrington yesterday.

In 1887 Mr. Schneider died leaving estate valued at about £139,000. The claim was brought by three daughters and two infant children, who complained that the trustees, two sons of the dead man, had not administered the estate, and had been guilty of neglect in failing to recover from one of their brothers a balance of £22,733, said to be due to the estate.

His Lordship gave a verdict for the defendant sons, and allowed out of the estate their costs as between solicitor and client.

LAYER OF DIAMONDS 24FT. THICK.

A layer of precious stone-laden earth 24ft. deep, which yielded, after thirty days' working, 32,201 carats in diamonds and other gems, was part of the glowing picture drawn by Sir John Willoughby yesterday at the meeting of the South African Options Syndicate, describing the recent discovery in the syndicate's Rhodesian property.

Thirty Polls To-day.

To-day polling takes place in some thirty constituencies. Those who wish to provide themselves with a means of recording the results in such a way that the state of parties may at any moment be ascertained at a glance should provide themselves at once with the

"Daily Mail" Election Chart,

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which may be seen in prominent positions not only at the leading bookstalls, etc., where it is on sale, price 1/-, but at clubs, hot 'ls, and other similar institutions. With each copy particulars are supplied of the offer, for the best forecast of the results of the election, of

A Prize of £50.

Competitors for this prize have simply to make their forecasts on the Coupon provided and send it to the "Daily Mail" Office by Monday. The "Chart" may be seen and obtained not only at bookstalls, etc., but at the "Daily Mail" Office, Carmelite-street, E.C.4., or at Messrs. Geo. Philip and Sons', 32, Fleet-street, E.C.4. On paper 1/- (post free 1/1), mounted on cloth with brass rollers, 2/6.

FORCED TO LOSE £19,000.

Mr. Caradoc Kerry Cannot Recover the Cost of His Defence.

In many quarters keen indignation is felt over the remarkable case of Mr. Caradoc Kerry, who, after being improperly charged upon trivial grounds with a criminal offence and acquitted, is forced to pay his own expenses and costs, amounting to over £3,000.

Mr. Kerry himself estimates his entire loss, in consequence of time wasted in addition to costs, at £19,000.

There is, however, as an eminent lawyer informed the *Daily Mirror* yesterday, no allowance for costs of defendants in a prosecution made-by the Crown, whichever way the case may go. "There is no doubt," he said, "as to the injustice of it. But you must remember that the Treasury takes up a case only for the good of the country, and rarely without definite and serious grounds. The person charged must first appear before a police magistrate, and if, in his opinion, there is a case for a criminal judge he commits the offender for trial, and the Crown becomes the prosecutor."

"No matter," continued the lawyer, "who instigated proceedings in the first place, after commitment the Crown is the prosecutor. If the defendant be acquitted under those circumstances he has to pay his own costs. It may appear hard to him, as in this case, for instance, but you must remember that thousands of criminals would never be charged if it were not for the Crown."

MME. REJANE IN SERIOUS VEIN.

"La Rafale" Provides a Striking Contrast to Her Previous Performances.

"La Rafale" ("The Squall"), played at the Royalty last night, is the only serious play that Mme. Réjane has produced during her visit to London. It gives an excellent opportunity to all who want to see her in a part with more in it than the flirtings, indiscretions, and other absurdities of "Décoré," "Heureuse," or "La Souris."

There can be no doubt about the seriousness of "La Rafale." It is a sombre play enough, all about money and the terrible influence that pounds, shillings, and pence may have upon affairs of sentiment.

Mme. Réjane plays the part of a woman who spends her time making desperate attempts to save from financial ruin her lover. But he has the gambler's blood, and comes to a gambler's end.

BOY OF ELEVEN TRIED FOR MURDER.

Joseph Redmond, aged eleven, was committed at Liverpool yesterday on a charge of murdering Elizabeth Halpin, a girl of twelve, at whom, after a quarrel over some Christmas presents, he hurled a knife with fatal results.

MILLIONAIRE'S GIFT TO LIVERPOOL.

Alderman Bowring, a millionaire who controls the principal part of the Newfoundland seal-fishing industry, has presented to the Liverpool Corporation an estate of 100 acres, containing the historic residence of Roby Hall, for a public park.

The Hammersmith Borough Council has decided to widen King-street and extend the municipal electric-light installation, the L.C.C. being applied to for a loan of £30,000 for this purpose.

"THE POWER OF THE VOTE."

Has It Any Power At All? No,
Not a Bit.

ELECTION BENEFACTORS.

By BART KENNEDY.

[At this moment these views of a famous writer upon the question of the hour are of exceptional interest. For that reason the *Daily Mirror* is glad to publish them, but it must be remembered they are not the views of this journal. They are merely the individual opinions of a writer of great ability.]

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As things are at present the power of the vote is a myth and a delusion.

And the main reason of this is because society is so inextricably involved that it is impossible for the biggest mind to get a whole view of it. It is a case of little men fitting into little circumscribed places.

A man knows enough to get his daily bread, and that is enough for him. The immense task of administering the nation's affairs he leaves naturally to those who make a profession of it—the politicians. The politicians give themselves such names as Tory Candidate, or Liberal Candidate, or Labour Candidate, or Socialist Candidate. And at elections they come and tell the man, whose time is taken up earning his daily bread, how much they will do for him if he will only exercise his Heaven-given privilege of voting—for them.

PRIMAL CURSE OF WORK.

The Tory will watch out for the honour of old England, the Liberal will do the same in a subtly different manner, the Labourite talks in a way at once vague and vehement of his own shining virtues when compared to the awful evils of both Liberals and Tories, and the Socialist threatens to inflict upon all men, high or low, the dread and primal curse of work.

And so the man who possesses the Heaven-given privilege of voting gets a trifle mixed and finally he votes for one or other of these benefactors who come so nobly forward at election times, to thrust their benefactions upon him.

I may say here that there are some voters who demand a little spot cash from the two old, and, to my mind, over-condemned political parties. And I must also say that the Socialist and the Labourite are somewhat too fond of throwing stones at their brother politicians, the Liberal and Tory.

The Socialist and Labourite will indignantly deny that they are in any way related to the scoundrels, Mr. Liberal and Mr. Tory, and I therefore ask them this simple question—Do you not offer to give yourselves and your energies for the noble and beatific purpose of managing England's affairs for England's good? "Of course we do!" I can hear the powerful, electrifying voices of Mr. Socialist and Mr. Labourite shouting this answer to my question.

HEAVEN-BORN PRIVILEGE.

Right, oh, gentlemen. Right! And may I also say that the two people you abuse so much are out for the doing of the same thing. They have been found out, you answer. Aye, my lads, and so will you fellows be found out.

I said that there were some cynical voters who demanded a little spot cash from Mr. Liberal and Mr. Tory. But I am sorry now that I said this, for those who have to pay this spot cash don't like it mentioned.

Mr. Liberal and Mr. Tory don't mind paying hundreds of pounds in ways legitimate and legal for their seats, but the modest half-crown tipped into the horny palm of the exerciser of the Heaven-given privilege of—Ah! Silence! Hush! Don't mention it. You might get the man out of his seat.

Still, let us have fair dues, as the vulgar say now. It seems to me that if Mr. Liberal and Mr. Tory have to tip the horny-handed son of toil a modest half-crown so that he of the horny hand will exercise his Heaven-given privilege of—well, why shouldn't Mr. Socialist and Mr. Labourite have to do the same thing?

FOR ENGLAND'S GOOD.

For are not the whole of these four gentlemen out for the governing of England for England's good, Mr. Socialist and Mr. Labourite haven't the money, you say. And besides, Mr. Socialist and Mr. Labourite are beings of a far nobler and more disinterested cast than Mr. Ah, stop it now. No, throwing of stones—It take what you said about them not having the money. That is sufficient answer. You can't get blood from a stone.

But all I can say is that I don't think my friends Mr. Liberal and Mr. Tory are treated quite right by those base, horn-upturned-palmed gentlemen who ought to esteem it an honour to exercise their Heaven-given privilege for nothing—mean the privilege of putting noble and disinterested men into Parliament for the purpose of running England for England's good.

However, we'll let that pass. And I may say that I'm sorry for mentioning it. Besides, I hear that the horny-handed person is getting ashamed of himself. He is beginning to feel the beauty and nobility of voting according to conscience.

(To be continued.)

LAST NIGHT'S NEWS ITEMS.

Gravesend Town Council has decided to appoint a committee which will seek to popularise the town by advertising its attractions.

In every constituency the "Daily Mail" A B C Guide, price 3d., is of great value to voters.

Hackney Council proposes to appoint a sanitary "inspector" at a salary of £120, rising to £200, a year.

Two Italian torpedo boats have been sheltering in Falmouth Harbour for several days owing to the rough weather.

Lieut.-Commander Kozo Sato, of the Japanese Navy, visited the ships and naval establishments at Devonport yesterday.

Miss May Yohe will appear at the Lyceum next week, and Mr. Victor Newman will also present his "appreciation" of the late Sir Henry Irving as "Mathias."

William Marshall, secretary of a Nottingham loan society, examined in bankruptcy yesterday, admitted a long series of defalcations. The Official Receiver said some hundreds of pounds could not be accounted for.

The simplicity of the "Daily Mail" Election Chart is the reason for the enormous demand for it. All the leading clubs, hotels, and theatres are exhibiting it in prominent places. It can be obtained at the "Daily Mail" Office, post free for 1s. 1d., or from any bookseller's.

Under the auspices of the local chamber of commerce, classes are being formed at Margate for the purpose of introducing lace-making as a local industry for women in the winter months.

Mr. William Cunard, son of Sir Samuel Cunard, and London representative of the Cunard Line, died yesterday.

Woolwich Guardians have decided to purchase a farm colony of 117 acres forty-two miles from London at a cost of £1,800.

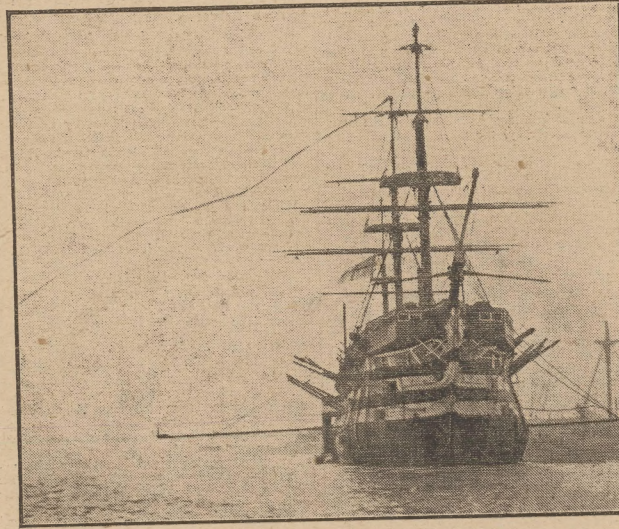
Mr. Donald Swanson, nephew of Colonel Brooke Taylor, Mr. Victor Cavendish's election agent, was found dead yesterday on the railway at Bakewell, Derbyshire.

Wherever a public-house stands in close proximity to a church the Liverpool licensing justices now make it a condition that no signboard be to be exhibited to indicate to the passer-by that it is a liquor establishment.

It was decided yesterday by the New Exploring and Finance Company to go into voluntary liquidation. "The time has gone by," said the chairman, "when an exploring company can do any good for its shareholders without an extensive capital."

Great disappointment is felt in the Midlands at the placing in Germany of an order for 440 rail-way carriages for the Metropolitan Railway Company. The order is worth about a quarter of a million sterling, but the German tenders were lower than the English.

ST. VINCENT IN PORTSMOUTH HARBOUR PAID OFF.



Now that the boys in the Navy are to be trained on modern lines ashore the use of a masted training ship disappears. The photograph shows the St. Vincent flying her paying-off pennant. She was yesterday struck out of the Navy.

For the first time in the history of the Zoo a Japanese monkey has just been born there.

"The Election Campaign" will be the Rev. W. Carlike's topic to-morrow evening at St. Mary-at-Hill, Monument.

After being lost in a wood for two years, a watch belonging to a rabbit-catcher has just been found hanging on a stem and in good going order.

"All schoolchildren should be warned, on pain of an unpleasant penalty," says the "Hospital," "not to lend or borrow a pencil or penholder, as poison is conveyed in this manner."

The Tenby lifeboat having been launched on a double mission of rescue, the Wexford ketch *Excellent* and the Gloucester ketch *Eily* both being in distress in Caldy Roads, the crews were rescued.

With the starting of a motor-omnibus service in the Todmorden district, for which parliamentary consent is to be asked, it will be possible to travel from Bradford and Leeds to Manchester and Liverpool by tramcar and omnibus.

Unemployed workmen at the Nottingham advertisements, the newspapers being monopolised by persons reading betting news. The men's leaders have therefore asked the city council to have this news blackened out, as is done in some other towns.

The Bishop of London's Registrar has issued a faculty for laying out as a playground the churchyard of All Saints, Poplar.

The Local Government Board have surcharged the Limerick Guardians the sum of £7 18s., illegally paid in outdoor relief, and also £3 12s. paid on a painting contract.

The Rev. John Phillips, who last year was president of the Pembroke Baptist Union, has been found dead on his farm at Llanwnda, Fishguard, hanging from a beam in a barn.

"Can provide temporary work for 100 personally recommended, most needy men, if wages paid direct to wives," telegraphed the Church Army yesterday to the town clerk of Battersea.

The Crystal Palace has been lent for the purpose of reproducing on a reduced scale, on May 11 and 12, the Nice Carnival, in aid of the funds of the Royal Waterloo Hospital for Women and Children.

At South Dublin Workhouse the number of inmates exceeds the population of certain small Irish towns, and a guardian has suggested that the population of the "house" is now large enough to entitle them to a representative in Parliament.

"Blue Beard" is being played nightly in connection with a church at Brighton. The libretto was prepared, and all the characters are sustained, by members of the congregation. The performance is made with appropriate scenery and the usual stage accessories.

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"IF MANCHESTER WERE THE CAPITAL OF ENGLAND."

THE most interesting of to-day's elections are the contests in the six divisions of Manchester. Upon the results of the early pollings a good deal depends. "Nothing succeeds like success." The party which scores quickly reaps a double advantage. Thousands of undecided electors follow the flowing tide.

The Manchester struggles attract special attention, not only because Mr. Balfour and Mr. Winston Churchill are engaged in them, but also because of the saying, "What Lancashire thinks to-day, England will think to-morrow."

Mr. Churchill took this view when he said that Lancashire would give the tone to England. It is naturally a view which pleases a North-country audience. Whether there is anything in it, we shall know a few weeks hence. Of this, at any rate, we can be sure—that Manchester has quite as much influence upon the country as London, and probably rather more.

The typical North-countryman has more stuff in him than the average Southerner, more "steam," more interest in life, a harder head, a more energetic temperament. He works better, and he gets more enjoyment out of his play.

If Manchester were the capital of England instead of London, the national life would be kept up to a higher pitch. We should be more strenuous, less tolerant of absurdities and anachronisms, more up-to-date.

Look at the difference between the Northern and Southern railways. Manchester would never have let the House of Lords deprive her of a much-needed tramway extension. Manchester would not have made herself foolish by "mafficking" as London did.

A country always "takes its tone" to some extent from its capital, even though it does not follow it in politics. The influence of London has been mostly enervating and bad. The L.C.C. is doing its best to alter that now. Let us hope it is not too late. H.

STRAIGHT FROM THE SAHARA.

A new theory about the Weather (print it with a capital, please, as befits our most important subject of conversation) is always welcome. If it is ingenious, it will carry one half-way through a dinner-party, or serve to start a promising talk in a railway-carriage, or even stave off successfully a threatening topic looming unpleasantly across the family breakfast-table.

The latest theory to account for the mildness of the winter is so ingenious as to be quite unintelligible. It appears to be based on the notion that Europe may be "involved in an atmospheric whirl," which is bringing to us from the Sahara region the heated air and dust of the great desert.

Most people will agree in hoping that the Sahara or the Gulf Stream, or whatever the cause is, will continue to send us mild weather. Winter of the Christmas-card type is jolly enough in countries which get it regularly and are prepared for it. In England frost and snow make everyone uncomfortable because we have got out of the way of expecting them.

Never did England have a really good winter climate. Cold snaps were always subject to sudden breaks-up with intensely disagreeable consequences. The weather never remained the same for very long at a time.

Let us be thankful, then, for this genial January, which lets us wear light overcoats and tempers the grief and pain of getting up in the morning. Most of us would be glad to know that winter in England was permanently "off." E. B.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

If you want knowledge, you must toil for it; and if pleasure, you must toil for it. Toil is the law. When one gets to love work, his life is a happy one.—*Rushin.*

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

THE list of questions with which the candidates for the new Parliament have been bothered during the recent period of speech-making, gives one some idea of the various and innumerable grievances going about the world, only to be satisfactorily voiced at election time. We published a list of these questions yesterday. From it you may have learned that a candidate is supposed to have a fixed and definite opinion upon any subject under the sun—from automobilism and vaccination to pre-Reformation sacrificial vestments.

Most of the questioners seemed to be living in the remote past. The Protestant Alliance wanted to know if the candidate would "do anything to endanger the Protestant succession to the throne." It is high time someone suggested better questions than that. Let us think of a few equally dim and medieval points to be cleared up at the next election.

"Are you in favour of the reintroduction of chain armour, visors, and halberds for purposes of war?" That might do for Mr. Haldane. "Are you a

birthday, so that he seems to have driven well in spite of his secret alliance with the Vatican, Lord Llandaff was one of the most brilliant barristers of his day. He received his peerage in 1895 as a consolation for not getting office under the Conservative Government which succeeded Lord Rosebery's in that year.

Victor Stephany's play, "Alma Mater," is one of the most interesting yet produced by the German company at the Great Queen-street Theatre. Like "Old Heidelberg," the story is a story of student life—only much more tragical than the "Zenda-like" play which made such a success, in its English version, at the St. James's. Perhaps, however, "Alma Mater" is, for Englishmen, harder to understand. Its situation turns upon a point of honour, and honour, one must admit, varies with the climate and the nation. German honour apparently forbids a young man to shield a woman from disgrace by telling a lie about her.

That is what the young student in this play does. He has been deeply in love with a waitress in this town, but has broken with her at last.

THE "MONSTROUS REGIMENT" OF WOMEN CANVASSERS.



More women are taking part in this election than have ever been actively engaged in political work before. The harassed voter finds his path beset by them on all sides. The prettier they are, the harder he finds it to get rid of them. He is fervently longing for his polling-day to dawn.

believer in witchcraft? Will you favour the burning of witches?" That for the Home Secretary. "Will you resist all attempts to introduce esoteric Buddhism, or the Inquisition into England? Are you in favour of a restoration of the Wittenamot or of the Heptarchy?" Sometimes, too, the questions might be frankly historical. "Do you consider that William the Conqueror had a right to the throne of England? Will you seek to restore the true Anglo-Saxon line of Harold?" might do for a heckler with antiquarian tastes.

These ridiculous questions put by eccentric leagues, associations, committees, and unions remind me of an incident told in the life of Lord Randolph Churchill. When Henry Matthews, who was a Roman Catholic, became Home Secretary in 1886, some league wrote to Lord Randolph, sniffing "Popery," and protested against the inclusion of a Papist in the Cabinet. Lord Randolph's answer to the formal and pompous complaint was characteristic and refreshing. He acknowledged the receipt of the document and wondered how persons professing to be educated and intelligent could indulge in opinions "so senseless and irrational" as those contained in it. That was frank, and one would have enjoyed a sight of the respectable gentlemen's faces as they read the answer to their appeal.

The Henry Matthews of that time, by the way, is now Lord Llandaff. To-day is his eightieth

She becomes engaged to another student, Hermann Klein, but is indiscreet enough to visit her first lover again, one night after a party. Hermann sees her going into his rival's room, follows her, accuses the other of treachery. Then George gives his word of honour that the girl has not visited him. In England we should applaud him for that, but George is unmistakably a German, and therefore has a terrible attack of remorse, contemplates suicide, and is only saved by the girl's prayer that he will live for her.

A "reception" at the French Academy is always a great event. But, perhaps, the ceremony was a little less exciting than usual when M. Etienne Lamy was welcomed to his seat in the assembly of "immortals" by M. de Freycinet on Thursday. There was naturally rather a political than a literary air about the proceedings, and in France politics excite about as little interest as literature (properly so-called) does here. M. Lamy has ostensibly won his seat by the weighty works he has written upon the "Army and Democracy," "The Woman of To-morrow," and so on. But before becoming a writer he had made a name as a parliamentarian, a violent opponent of the anti-clericals.

M. de Freycinet was appointed to make the congratulatory speech by which new comers to the Academy are always encouraged. He is one of the makers of the Third Republic, and has been four times Prime Minister of France.

THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

IMMORTALITY FOR ANIMALS.

Any of your readers who have had any experience in nursing sick dogs must have been particularly struck with the remarkable amount of patience and gratitude exhibited by these faithful creatures.

Of all animals in the universe, the dog is the only one that has voluntarily linked its fate to man. It loves him as a god.

A child grows and goes, but a dog stays and grows old in devoted service, and this service is a love that adapts itself to all our moods, that rejoices in the little it receives, compared with which its own gift is immeasurably large. W. Hampstead.

There is a certain class of people of the "H. W. T." calibre who, while acknowledging that man is the crown and climax of creation, also wish us to believe that he will be the sole survivor of it.

Surely it is the selfish conceit of such as these, and not the all-loving God, who would exclude from the completed and glorified creation the innocent creatures who have contributed so much to the beauty, colour, and harmony of the physical world.

"H. W. T." may consider his arguments clinching, but they will never convince those who, next to their fellow-men, love Nature with all their souls. M. B.

West Malling, Kent.

If it is admitted that the essential individuality of every man is indestructible, it must be allowed that the same applies to the "lower" class of animals. They have bodies made of the same materials and controlled in the same way, and which only differ from ours in their shape. They also are governed by a will-power that we call instinct, and which is only, in our opinion, less highly developed.

The prevalent idea of an after existence as an angel fully equipped with wings and flowing draperies is largely believed in, and the clergy in no way try to correct this childish conceit. Surely modern understanding teaches our thoughts to have a wider sense of the immortal, and not to talk of "dog angels"—with or without wings and drapery. A dog's soul, in my opinion, differs in no way from ours. GEOFFREY G. COOKE. Moseley, Lancashire.

A VOTER'S DILEMMA.

Political candidates and their friends on both sides assure me with vituperative bitterness that their opponents are without truth, honour, or honesty—that they are utterly unworthy of support. Now, if I am to believe these assertions, I can only come to the conclusion that whichever way I vote I shall be supporting the meanest and most despicable of men.

Then, again, I am continually pestered by people calling upon me to persuade me to vote for A or B, and begging for my promise to vote for one or the other. Is not this a subversion of the principle of vote by ballot? Does not the prohibition of bribery and corruption become a sham under the present system of canvassing?

That a political candidate should set forth his views, and hold meetings to explain them, is fair enough, but the interference with the right of private judgment should end there. Canvassing and free rides in motor-cars should be under the same ban as half-crowns and jugs of beer. A VOTER. Streatham, S.W.

BOY SMOKERS.

Many of our Colonies have recognised the desirability of legislation to prohibit juvenile smoking, the most recent being Cape Colony, where a measure was passed last summer, the age limit being sixteen. Nearer home we have the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, where juvenile smoking is prohibited under fourteen.

In America forty-seven of the fifty-three States prohibit this evil. In one State the age limit is fourteen, and in ten it is twenty-one, the remaining thirty-six under ages between the two mentioned. Among other countries where legislation has been enacted I might mention Japan, Norway, Switzerland, etc. In Germany smoking is forbidden to all under officers and cadets, and in Austria boys attending the lower classes in all schools, civil and military, are prohibited from smoking.

I shall be glad to send a copy of this League's Bulletin together with a petition form and a selection of our literature, to any of your readers who may care to apply for same.

LUTHER B. WELLS,
Assistant Hon. Secretary London Auxiliary of the British Anti-Tobacco and Anti-Narcotic League.
Greenham-road, Muswell-hill, N.

IN MY GARDEN.

JANUARY 12.—Sweet peas can soon be sown under cover, and in February the first sowing must be made outside.

This exquisite annual was popular in England at the end of the eighteenth century, although but few varieties were grown then. It is known to have been blooming in this country two hundred years ago.

Sweet peas can now be obtained in endless shades of colour, and, given careful attention, will make a garden gay from May until the autumn frosts come. E. F. T.

PICTURES from all PARTS

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL DISTRIBUTING TICKETS.



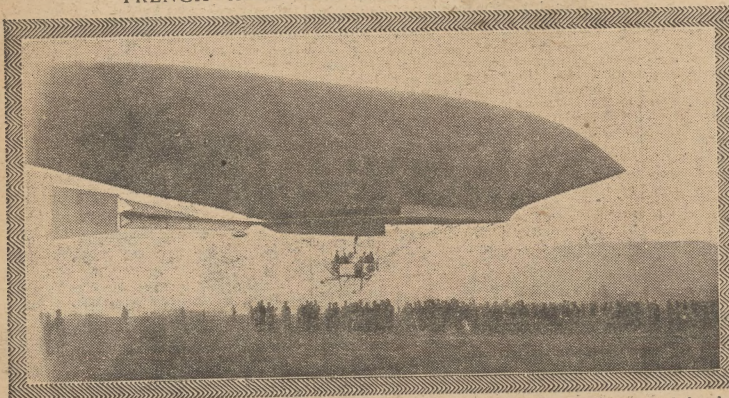
In fighting North-West Manchester, Mr. Winston Churchill is displaying an immense amount of energy. He even distributes himself the tickets of admission to his meetings, and is here seen surrounded by an eager crowd of applicants. From the smile on all faces, he is evidently giving vent to his characteristic witticisms.

MR. WILL CROOKS'S LADY CANVASSERS.



At Woolwich Mr. Will Crooks, the Labour candidate, who represented the constituency in the last Parliament, is being assisted in his canvass by an active band of lady canvassers. In the above photograph they are seen with their cards, "Vote for Crooks."

FRENCH ARMY DIRIGIBLE WAR BALLOON.



For reconnoitring the forts on the frontier the French Government have just purchased the Lebaudy motor-balloon. Extensive experiments have proved the value of this airship for the purpose, and in the above photograph a start is being made from a military camp at Toul.

LADY ROLLESTON,



Wife of Sir John Rolleston, the Unionist candidate for Leicester. Lady Rolleston is an indefatigable worker in the constituency.

NOVEL COMMITTEE-ROOM.



Mr. Morison, Liberal candidate for Mid-Sussex, unable to rent a room at Patcham, hired above hut in a field.

YESTERDAY'S DIVORCE.



Miss Isabel Jay, the well-known actress, was yesterday granted a decree nisi against her husband—



—Mr. H. S. H. Cavendish, the hero of the celebrated planchette case in 1903. Then he was a most devoted husband. (Johnston and Hoffman, and London Stereoscopic.)

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Snapshot of the Prince and Princess. During the Princess took a keen interest in the war.

MR. SYDNEY



The Postmaster-General is being opposed.

GRAPHS

CE IN INDIA.



Wales walking through Lord Kit-Rawal Pindi both the Prince and surroundings, and inspected every camp.

ON AT POPLAR.



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TO-DAY'S ELECTIONS.



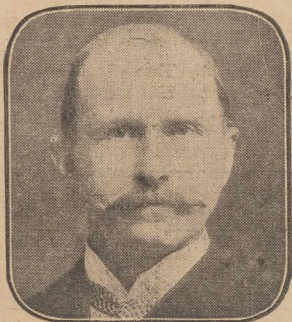
Mr. C. J. O'Donnell, the Liberal candidate for Walworth, who is making an election cry of cheap houses for workmen, and is opposing—



—Sir James Bailey, the outgoing member, who stands in the Unionist interest. He has three fighting sons, Captain Percy Bailey, D.S.O., Lieutenant Sydney Bailey, R.N., and Lieutenant Fred Bailey, R.H.A.



Mr. R. E. Belilios, the Unionist candidate, who is opposing—



—Captain Cecil Norton, the outgoing member, who stands in the Radical interest. — (Photographs by Russell and Sons.)

PRINCE ALBERT OF SCHLESWIG HÖLSTEIN IMPROVING HIS GAME at GOLF



The above photographs were taken during a foursome, in which Dr. W. G. Grace and Mr. G. W. Beldam beat Prince Albert and Mr. P. J. de Paravicini, at Sunningdale. — (1) Prince Albert and Dr. W. G. Grace; (2) Prince Albert putting; (3) Prince Albert playing an approach shot—Mr. Beldam is seen with his camera; (4) Dr. W. G. Grace and Mr. C. I. Thornton; (5) Prince Albert, taken in uniform; (6) Dr. W. G. Grace playing a shot; (7) Prince Albert putting at the fourth hole; and (8) Dr. W. G. Grace playing his ball off an ice-covered pond.—(Photographed specially for the *Daily Mirror*.)

You Can Begin Our New Serial To-day.

THE BROKEN LAW.

By J. B. HARRIS-BURLAND.

Author of "Dacobra," "Love, the Criminal," "Love at a Price," etc., etc.

CHARACTERS IN THE STORY.

GEORGE CRAWSHAY, a wealthy bachelor of forty, had just left an eminent specialist, who had told him he had two more months to live. Crawshaw had spent an easy life of pleasure, but he cared little that it was to end. Yet his life held a purpose. He had spent the last ten years in an endeavour to take vengeance on a man, and he had failed completely. Now, when death was close to him, he did not even know the name of the man whose destruction he had sought and planned—the man who had betrayed his step-sister. As Crawshaw sat gloomily contemplating his long and useless search, he was interrupted by the arrival of his friend.

SIR RICHARD GAUNT, a brutal, unscrupulous man of evil reputation, known as "Rakehell Gaunt." Crawshaw told him of the result of his interview with the specialist, and also of the futile search he had been making for the man on whom he longed to be revenged.

Then he made a proposition that amazed Gaunt. He knew the impeccable state of the spendthrift, and offered him £30,000 on condition that he undertook to hunt down the man and ruin him after he (Crawshaw) was dead. But Gaunt, unscrupulous as he is, would not consent to this monstrous scheme.

Rakehell Gaunt gave a dinner at his flat.

LORD CARFAX and George Crawshaw were his guests, and

CYNTHIA PARADINE, a beautiful Moroccan girl, was dancing for them. The men had all been drinking heavily, and particularly Lord Carfax, who in a familiar manner with Cynthia Paradine provoked Gaunt to seize an empty bottle and strike him. Lord Carfax fell heavily, his head striking against the fence. When Crawshaw examined the fallen man, he found he was dead.

Gaunt was horrified at what he had done; but Crawshaw, drawing him aside, told him that he (Crawshaw) would say he committed the murder—if Gaunt would consent to the scheme already proposed to him, and hand down the man he wanted to be revenged upon. This Gaunt swears to do.

Crawshaw is arrested for manslaughter, and sentenced to six months' imprisonment. He dies in prison, leaving Gaunt £30,000 and a box containing notes and clues he has collected during his search.

Gaunt picked up a diary and opened it, and the first name that caught his eye was that of Violet Hexamer. Then he laughed out loud, almost hysterically like a woman. The search, which might have lasted a lifetime, was already over.

The man he had sworn to ruin and hound to death was well-known to him. It was, in fact, Sir Richard Gaunt himself.

He feels relieved at once. "His task is over. The idea of ruining himself as a means of revenge, which he is extremely lucky in escaping a search that might have lasted years. He goes to the country to see his mother.

LADY GWENDOLEN GAUNT, with whose rich ward, LADY BETTY DRAKE, he wishes to revive an old love affair.

CHAPTER VI.

Richard Gaunt Decides.

A mile to the south of Gaunt Royal a broad stretch of meadow land runs down to the edge of the dark slate cliffs. The sea swirls and foams against a fringe of rocks five hundred feet below. Inland there is a vista of slopes and valleys and mountains. The low-lying ground is clothed with woods, but the summits of the hills are smooth and naked, and strewn with large grey stones. Here and there the rock itself pierces the thin covering of soil, and makes jagged scars across the turf.

About eleven o'clock on the morning after Gaunt's discovery of the truth about Crawshaw's sister, he was leaning his elbows on a low stone wall which ran down almost to the edge of the cliffs. He had not come there to admire the view, which he cordially detested, but to get a little exercise and a breath of fresh air. He had drunk a good deal of brandy the night before, and he wanted to clear the fumes of alcohol from his brain. So he had taken a sharp walk up the steep slope from the house, and had filled his lungs with the sea breeze that swept in from the west to the shores of Cardiganshire.

Although he had no intention of leaving, he had said good-bye to his mother, and had sent his luggage to the station. He proposed to walk there himself, and take a short cut across the hills. He had started before the arrival of Lady Betty Drake, but had told his mother that he was going to spend an hour on the top of the cliff before proceeding on his way to the station. He had his own reasons for doing this, and they were worthy of a man.

He was not vain enough to suppose that Lady Betty would pursue him. It was hardly to be expected that a clever woman of her position would finally run after a man. Yet he had made it easy for her to take a walk up the cliffs in the same direction. He had told his mother that he was not well, and that the close air of the valley stifled him. He had expressed a desire to fill his lungs with the breeze from the sea before he left for London. He had no hint that he would like to see Lady Betty Drake.

He had no baser motive in his mind than a wish to see if she would take the trouble to walk up the cliffs to have a few words with him. He intended nothing more than a mild flirtation, which might lead to nothing, or else a serious one which might lead to matrimony. Like his brother Henry, whose commercial instincts he affected to despise, he had very proper ideas about the value of Lady Betty's inheritance. At present, matrimony would be an insupportable burden, but there might come a time when it would be very useful to marry a handsome, intelligent woman who had a good income. He reflected that Lady Betty was getting on in years, and that she did not meet many men

at Gaunt Royal. It would, perhaps, not be difficult to make himself an object of pity, and then by easy stages he might win her love. It would be a game worth playing, and in its own way as exciting as any of the ignoble games he had played in the past. It would be useful to be loved by a woman with £4,000 a year in her own right. And it was not beyond the bounds of probability. Women were said to be secretly fond of a rake, and the best women are glad to reform them.

He leant over the stone wall, and looked down the threadlike path which came winding up the slope from the valley beneath. Versed in every wile which is calculated to touch a woman's heart, he was not long in working out a plan of campaign. Self-abasement was the surest weapon. He had a whole set of phrases at his finger-tips, for he had used them all before.

Five more minutes passed, and then he saw a grey figure far down the slope. A few moments later he recognised Lady Betty. She was hurrying up the path as fast as she could walk. He smiled, and moved down the hill to meet her.

"Ah, Betty," he said, as he shook her warmly by the hand. "It is good of you to come up here. I was afraid I should have to leave without seeing you."

"I wanted to see you, Dick, particularly," she replied. "I don't think it was very nice of you to leave home so early."

"I couldn't help it, Bet," he said fumblingly, "upon my soul, I couldn't help it. I was being choked down in a hole. I wanted air, and I knew I could get it up here. I don't often get a chance, you know. By Jove, Bet, you don't look a day older than when I saw you last. This is the sort of place to make one young again."

He looked at her with genuine admiration in his eyes. She was a perfect specimen of a fine type—a healthy, able-bodied Englishwoman in the prime of life. The claims of a season in town were unknown to her. For the last four years she had experienced none of the weariness of that endless round of dinners, dances, and "at homes" which would tax the physical strength of an athlete. She had lived her days in the open air and feared neither rain, sun, nor wind. And now, as her face was flushed, and her eyes sparkled with the exertion of a sharp, uphill walk, she was good to look upon. She had beauty and health, and an independent air of breeding, which can hardly be acquired by any save those who have mixed with well-bred people from their birth. It was easy to see that she was no longer young, but she had a better complexion than many girls of twenty, and after all, that is half the battle of a woman's life.

She met Gaunt's impertinent glance with a look of surprise. He was not in the habit of paying her compliments. Then she laughed unreservedly. "It would do you good to stay here a bit," she said quickly. "That's what I want to see you about, Dick. That's why I've rushed up the hill. I want to have a serious talk to you."

"It's no good giving me a lecture, Bet," he replied coldly. "They've all tried it, and that sort of thing irritates me. I'm not doing any harm to you, or Henry, or the mother. You and the mother are snug enough here, and old Henry is perfectly happy making a corner in gum arabic. I've decided on the sort of life I'm going to live, and there's an end of it."

"Please stay here a bit, Dick," she pleaded, "just for a month."

"You're irresistible, Bet, when you look at me like that. Well, then, I'll miss this, and I'll miss you, please you, Bet. That means I don't go till to-morrow, for the other trains stop at every station all the way to town."

"Don't go to-morrow, Dick. Stay here for a month or two, and look after the estates."

"Williams does the work well," he replied with a laugh, "and if I interfered I should make a mess of it. Why do you worry me like this, and look so serious about it all? Do you think that my mother is ill?"

"I know that she is very ill," she said gravely, "very, very ill. But if you would only stay here, it would make such a difference. You will never regret it, never, as long as you live."

"Poor old mother," he replied. "Look here, Bet, if you really want to do us all a good turn, I wish you'd persuade the mother that I'm not worth worrying about. She's got Henry, as precise and dutiful a son as a woman could want. In a few years time I shall come to the end of my tether and die. Then Henry will step into my shoes, and you'll all live happily ever afterwards."

"How can you be so brutal," she exclaimed, "so wicked, so heartless. Do you think that we wish you to die?"

Sir Richard was silent. He did not think so, but he wished to appear in the worst possible light, so that his subsequent conversion might appear the more wonderful.

"Do you really think this, Dick?" she repeated.

"Why not?" he replied. "But there's no need to get excited, Bet. It is sometimes cruel, but it is never wicked to speak the truth. You know well enough that I should not cause nearly so much trouble if I were dead. Now, there's Henry. He's making pots of money. I wonder you haven't

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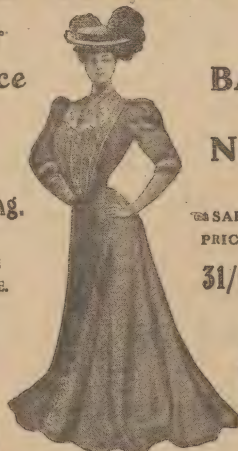


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HOW TO UTILISE A COLD FOWL, AND OTHER ITEMS.

When a family consists of two persons only, a fowl that is sent up to table roasted goes down to the kitchen again deprived only of the wings and breast. What is to be done with the rest?

The legs and body of the fowl do not look inviting cold, so it is with the conversion of these into palatable dishes that we are here concerned.

Having neatly removed the legs, coat them over with this mixture: Mixed mustard, Worcester or other sauce, flour, using a teaspoonful of each or sufficient of the latter to make a thin paste. Grill the coated legs over a clear fire and serve them with rashers of bacon. This makes a breakfast dish very much approved of by men.

The trunk and bones have now to be dealt with, as they possess more nutritive value than is generally supposed.

The trunk (first broken up) should with all the bones be put into a stew-pan, covered with water, and slowly simmered for soup-stock. This stock being strained off, allowed to cool, and the fat removed, may then be converted into celery soup.

Take celery, onion, and carrot. Boil these separately, cut them into neat pieces, and add to the stock, first enriching it by the addition of a little meat extract. Thicken it with barley. The outer leaves of an ordinary-sized head of celery will be sufficient for the soup, the heart being reserved to eat with cheese.

A Toothsome Curry.

Assuming the fowl to have been served with pickled pork, the remains may be carried thus:—Cut the meat from the legs in small pieces, and put it aside. Prepare a stock from the trunk and bones as above directed; then take two moderate-sized onions, put them in a stew-pan with a small piece of butter, and let them gently stew to a mash. At this stage add a small tablespoonful of curry-powder mixed smooth with a little milk. Stir this well with the onion and replace the stew-pan while preparing the other ingredients, namely, the fowl-meat, a slice of the pork cut into small pieces, an apple cut into dice, a squeeze of lemon-juice, or a tablespoonful of chutney. Curry should be served thick enough to be eaten with a fork. Served with carefully-boiled rice this is a nice little entrée for lunch or dinner.

If the fowl has been served with sausages the remains of both may be passed through the mincer, seasoned and potted for a breakfast dish. Or, should it have been a boiled fowl, the remains are available for mulligatawny soup. Prepare a stock as before directed, adding an onion, and using the liquor in which the fowl was boiled. When ready add

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"GREY FRIARS" SELECTIONS.

Delightful weather prevailed and excellent sport was witnessed yesterday at Plumpton. The going was a trifle heavy, but some good finishes were seen. Backers, too, held their own fairly well, so that the day was an enjoyable one from all points of view.

The feature of the sport was the success of Mr. R. Gore, who with H. H. Deane, and H. T. had three winners during the afternoon. What was also satisfactory from the point of view of F. Mason, that rider was successful on each occasion. It is nearly two years since he donned the silver blue jacket, due to the fact that, after being associated with Mr. Gore for five years, he accepted a retainer for Mr. Bibby.

Old Eastern Friars had little difficulty in taking the Hurdle Race. He was afterwards sold to Mr. J. Hare for 110 guineas. H. H. had nothing to do in the Southover Steeplechase, and then changed hands to Mr. Andrews for 85 guineas. Brown Eyes felt, Acres breaking his left collar-bone. The first two winners were No. 6 on the card.

The Street Hurdle Race provided an exciting finish, as over the last obstacle Tollsworth was well in front, but J. Dillon, coming with a tremendous rush on Winkfield's Charm, got up in the last stride, and just snatched the victory.

Poetry, in the hands of the same jockey, scored her sixth successive win in the Brookside Steeplechase. Sir Francis Drake, the favourite, fell at the plain drop-fence, and breaking his shoulder, had to be destroyed. Odds were laid on Deane in the Ashurst Novices' Hurdle. From this class of the opposition may easily be imagined, as Deane is a most erratic animal. Though he won by twelve lengths, he was not a safe bet for him at the subsequent auction. Mowgli slipped up on the flat, but was quickly remounted.

Some fair wagering took place in the Barcombe Steeplechase, four of the six competitors finding friends. It was impossible to separate Clondan Lad and Matchboard at the start. They finished in the first three, but were easily beaten by H. T., who was making his debut over fences.

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Also ran: Grocer (Hare).

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Interest in to-day's football matches is greater and more widespread than on any day during the season so far as it has gone. The first round of the greatest of all competitions—that for the English Cup—will be decided in thirty-two matches, and moreover under the Rugby code of rules teams representing England and Wales will line up at Richmond.

Dealing first with the Cup-ties, it is interesting to note that this is the first year that the competition has been conducted on anything approaching fair lines; that is to say, with the South starting in against the North with a reasonable chance of holding its own in the law of the matches. The others are all those in which the odds have been thrown down the gauntlet to the North, but the new system has changed all that, and today we find twenty-six sides out of sixty-four, quite a different matter from less than a third in thirty-two clubs, as in the old days.

How will the first round result? Everyone is asking. Which are the clubs likely to be seen in the second round? This much is certain—the First League will have six representatives, because in six cases clubs in that competition are, for a similar cause, and the Second League will have three representatives. This accounts for thirty-two of the matches. The others are all those in which the competitors are drawn from various bodies, and the results roughly should give the First League seven more places; the Second League eight more; the Second Division three more; and the Second Division of the Southern League one representative. This, it will be seen, totals thirty-two clubs. The First League will have six, the Second League with six, and the Second Division of the Southern League with one.

The clubs I anticipate taking part in the next draw are: Wolverhampton Wanderers, Middlesbrough, Woolwich Arsenal, Liverpool, Burnley, Newcastle United, Sunderland, Brighton and Hove Albion, Brentford, Bristol Rovers, Stoke, Aston Villa, and Everton, of the First League clubs; Bradford, Clapton Orient, Barnsley, Manchester City, Lincoln City, and Burslem Port Vale, of the Second League; Tottenham Hotspur, Watford, Fulham, Plymouth Argyle, Norwich City, New Brighton, Reading, Exeter City, Exeter Town, Notts County, and Crystal Palace, of the Second Division of the Southern League; and this on the strength of their wonderful victory over Luton.

I have rushed in where others have trodden carefully, and by doing so have saved a good deal of space, because it is now necessary to deal with each match in detail. London has no fewer than seven matches, and practically all of them interesting. The clubs are the matches at Fulham, Brentford, Plumstead, and Tottenham, and I am disposed to rank the interest in the order named. Fulham and Queen's Park Rangers are old opponents, but the last time they met in the Cup, in 1903, Fulham won by 3 to 1. The Southern League match between the two teams at Park Royal ended in a win for Fulham by 3 to 1, and something of the same should be the result to-day. Both sides will be practically at full strength, as Soar is down to turn out again for Fulham.

The apparently invincible—in the Second League—team representing Bristol City will have their hardest task in the season to-day. Brentford, their hosts, have not lost a single match since October, and at the moment they are playing almost as well as any team in the Southern League. Bristol City lost their first match this season, and have not been beaten since, so that it looks like a real test of merit between leading clubs in the two leagues. Bristol have been training at Matlock, and Brentford at Brighton, and both sides reap a clean bill of health. Whilst the gate will not be quite so large as that at Fulham, there will be a fine crowd, and I tip Brentford to win with every confidence.

The match at Plumstead between the Arsenal and West Ham is short of some of its interest from the fact that Jackson, the West Ham back, and Stapley, their amateur forward, are not eligible to play, owing to having taken part in the preliminary rounds for other clubs. For the same reason Neave cannot play for the Arsenal. It will prove a keen fight, however, the close proximity of the constituency making it something of a local Derby. I

just incline to the chances of the Arsenal, and in this match it is a case of newly-placed clubs in the Southern and Football Leagues being opposed.

At Tottenham the "Spurs" have had little difficulty in overcoming Burnley, who are but moderately placed in the Second League. The "Spurs" have been training specially at Leigh-on-Sea, and will probably have laid back in the side. The gate will be a big one, but nothing like those on the occasions of some previous Cup-ties on the North London ground.

At Millwall the Lions, always good Cup fighters, will beat Burton United. Clapton Orient have surely reached the end of the long haul of the season, and they have traversed so long, and I expect them to beat Chesterfield at Homerton. The New Crusaders, who have not yet met with defeat, will probably have a very hard time at Sidcup, although the Farnhills and their colleagues may be relied upon to put up a big sporting fight.

The other matches in which Southern League clubs are engaged are all interesting. The great game, of course, is that in which those past champions, Southampton and Portsmouth, are opposed. Portsmouth have had very bad luck last Saturday at Park Royal, and it is by no means certain that Harris, their goalkeeper, will be able to get out of the net. The game will be a very close one, and I like Portsmouth the better, but I believe the choice of ground will just about give the game to the Saints.

Bristol Rovers go to Sheffield to meet the Wednesday without their great goalkeeper, Cartledge. I think that the Southern League club, if not exactly likely to beat the Blades, will at least draw with them at Sheffield, and I expect them to replay the match at Bristol. Brompton have shown such a decided superiority over the other clubs in the Southern League, that they will almost certainly beat Northampton at New Brompton. I have no fears as to Reading being able to hold their own with Hull City, although the match will be played at Hull. Burslem Port Vale will prove too good for Swindon, but it must be remembered that the latter put up a fine fight against Fulham last week. Figh almost decided the game, and the fur will probably be flying at Brighton this afternoon. Norwich City will quite outclass Tunbridge Rangers, I am sure.

The big League clubs with easy tasks are Wolverhampton Wanderers, who will beat Bishop Cleeve, the amateurs of the North; Aston Villa, who have persuaded King's Lynn to visit Birmingham, instead of playing the game in East Angles; and Newcastle United, who have a good match with Leicester Forest at Liverpool; Newcastle United, who were able to "persuade" Grimsby to play the North at Grimsby, and Newcastle United, who have nothing greater to meet than the amateurs from Kettering.

Of the other games, I think choice of ground will enable Middlesbrough to beat Bolton Wanderers. I have been showing such improved form lately that I look down to beat Northampton Forest, and in spite of early failures, are likely to beat Notts County, although the Wearers have never been a great Cup-fighting team. Sheffield Wednesday will defeat the Blues for a whole season last week against the Arsenal, and the swing of the pendulum should give them their chance to-day against Manchester City. Crystal Palace will be sorely tried, but I look to L. R. Roose to play a great part in the Cup-tie against Blackburn Rovers and pull the Potters through.

Manchester United have a fairly easy task with Staple Hill; Bradford City should beat Barrow; Barnsley, one of the good teams of the Second Division, will defeat the Alexandras at Bradford; and Burslem Port Vale will account for Gainsborough Trinity.

SOME CUP-TIE TEAMS.

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Is Mars Inhabited?

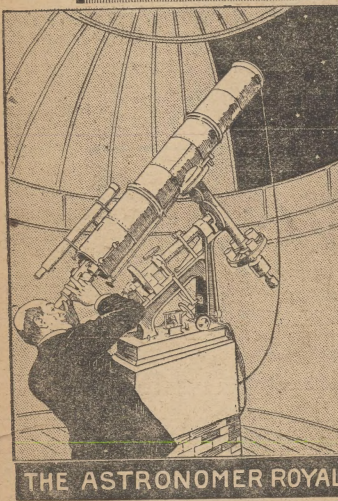
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